The Inauguration

of

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as the Sixth President of

Neumann University

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Friday, October 6, 2017 • 2:00 p.m.

Mirenda Center for Sport, Spirituality
and Character Development

Neumann University
Aston, Pennsylvania
Dr. Chris E. Domes
The Sixth President of
NEUMANN UNIVERSITY

Dr. Chris E. Domes became the sixth president of Neumann University on July 17, 2017. He previously served as president of Silver Lake College of the Holy Family in Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

A strong proponent of Catholic Franciscan education and possessing an impressive record of accomplishment that spans 31 years in higher education, Dr. Domes has led initiatives in strategic planning, fundraising, academic program expansion, enrollment management, community relations, technology access, and campus growth.

During Dr. Domes’ tenure at Silver Lake College, full-time undergraduate enrollment rose and annual giving increased. Similar to Neumann University, Silver Lake is a Catholic Franciscan college that offers undergraduate programs in a School of Liberal Arts, School of Professional Studies, and School of Education. The curriculum also includes programs for working professionals and students pursuing graduate studies in Business and Education. The student body is among the most diverse in Wisconsin.

While Dr. Domes was at the helm of the Wisconsin school, Silver Lake College opened a Franciscan Center for Music and Performance, a one-stop Enrollment and Welcome Center, and state-of-the-art Nursing labs and classrooms. The College also became the first Catholic college in the United States to adopt the Work College model, and developed new academic programs, including Actuary Science, Graphic Design, and Nursing.

Before serving as president of Silver Lake College, Dr. Domes held leadership positions in various enrollment management and student development capacities for 17 years at Marymount University in Virginia and for a decade at St. Bonaventure University in New York, another Catholic Franciscan institution.

At Marymount University, he rose from dean of admissions to vice president for student development and enrollment management. He expanded the use of technology in admissions and spearheaded a 40 percent growth of the freshman class in three years. At St. Bonaventure, he had similar success in improving marketing, recruitment and retention.

Dr. Domes holds an EdD in Higher Education Administration from The George Washington University, and two degrees from St. Bonaventure University: an MSED in Counseling Psychology and a BA in History and Secondary Education.
The Inauguration Ceremony

Prelude and Processional

The Basilica Brass

Academic Procession

Chief Marshal/ Mace Bearer

Dr. Robert Till
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Dr. Chris E. Domes
President
The Inauguration Ceremony continued

MASTER OF CEREMONIES
Dr. Lawrence DiPaolo, Jr.
Vice President for Academic Affairs

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM
The Star Spangled Banner, F.S. Key, J. Smith
Dr. Yukiko Ishida, Associate Professor, Music
The Basilica Brass, Assembly

WELCOME
Dr. Lawrence DiPaolo, Jr.

INVOCATION
Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, OFM Cap., DD

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Sr. Mary Kathryn Dougherty, OSF, Congregational Minister, Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia
Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, OFM Cap., DD, Archbishop of Philadelphia
MUSICAL INTERLUDE
The Prayer of St. Francis
Ministerial Choir

INVESTITURE AND PRESENTATION OF THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION
Sr. Mary Kathryn Dougherty, OSF, Congregational Minister
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Mrs. Mary G. Domes, spouse of the President

INAUGURAL ADDRESS
Dr. Chris E. Domes, President

BLESSING OF SAINT FRANCIS
by Sr. Bonagratia Hughes, OSF, Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia
Ministerial Choir and Audience

ALMA MATER
by Dr. Richard Sayers, Associate Professor, Music
Ministerial Choir and Audience

BENEDICTION
Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, OFM Cap., DD, Archbishop of Philadelphia

RECESSIONAL
The Basilica Brass

Reception to follow in Community Hall in the Mirenda Center for Sport, Spirituality and Character Development

ALL ARE WELCOME
The Delegates from Colleges and Universities

LISTED BY YEAR OF FOUNDING

1740 UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
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Member, School of Nursing Overseer Board

1742 MORAVIAN COLLEGE
Tamera K. Hatton, Alumna

1787 FRANKLIN & MARSHALL COLLEGE
Catherine N. Jasons, Esq., Alumna

1821 WIDENER UNIVERSITY
Dr. Stephen Thorpe, Director of Institutional Research & Effectiveness

1832 SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO SEMINARY
Most Rev. Timothy C. Senior, Rector

1842 UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME
Sr. Christa Marie Thompson, OSF, Alumna
Dr. Robert Till, Alumnus

1842 VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY
Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, President

1846 BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY
Donald Isken, J.D., Alumnus

1851 SAINT JOSEPH’S UNIVERSITY
Martin F. Farrell, Vice President for University Advancement

1852 SAINT BONAVENTURE UNIVERSITY
Dr. Dennis R. DePerro, President

1859 SAINT FRANCIS COLLEGE
Dr. Alexandria M. Egler, Professor

1864 SWARTHMORE COLLEGE
Rev. Paula Lawrence-Wehmiller, Alumna

1869 WILSON COLLEGE
Dr. Susan E. Smith, Alumna

1885 SETON HILL UNIVERSITY
Dr. Claudia Marie Kovach, Alumna
Executive Director of Delta Epsilon Sigma

1886 WILLIAMSON COLLEGE OF THE TRADES
Margaret Kingham,
Placement Director/Instructor

1888 THE UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON
Marian A. Gigliotti, Alumna
1896 DELAWARE VALLEY UNIVERSITY
Dr. George F. West, President Emeritus, Professor Emeritus

1911 LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY, LA
Dr. Regina Haney, Alumna

1920 IMMACULATA UNIVERSITY
Dr. Jeanne Dagna, Alumni Board of Governors Member

1921 ROSEMONT COLLEGE
Dr. Sharon L. Hirsh, President

1924 NAZARETH COLLEGE
Ian J. Mortimer, Vice President for Enrollment and Student Experience

1933 WILKES UNIVERSITY
Dr. Alfred G. Mueller II, Alumni Representative

1935 SILVER LAKE COLLEGE
Sr. Lorita Gaffney, Vice President of Mission Integration

1937 SIENA COLLEGE
Br. F. Edward Coughlin, OFM, President

1947 MANOR COLLEGE
Dr. Jonathan Peri, President

1948 GWYNEDD MERCY UNIVERSITY
Dr. Monica E. Walsh, Assistant Professor, School of Education

1950 MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY
Dr. Matthew Shank, President

1952 ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OF PENNSYLVANIA
Dr. Don L. Francis, President

1958 ALVERNIA UNIVERSITY
Dr. Thomas F. Flynn, President

1963 CUNY – BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Dr. Sandra Sollod Poster, Past Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

1964 DE SALES UNIVERSITY
Dr. Gerard J. Joyce, President

1967 PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY BRANDYWINE
Dr. Kristin Woolever, Chancellor
The Student Delegation has representation from the following organizations: Campus Ministry, Orientation Leaders, Presidential Ambassadors, Residential Assistants, Student Athletes, and Student Government Association. Students represent the following majors: Accounting, Athletic Training, Biology/Clinical Lab Science, Business, Communication and Digital Media, Criminal Justice, Early Education/Special Education, Education, Nursing, Organizational Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Public Safety Administration, Social Work, and Sport and Entertainment Management.

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When the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia opened the doors of Our Lady of Angels College in September, 1965, the total enrollment was 115 female students. Today, as Neumann University (NU), the college educates nearly 3,000 co-ed students, engages over 13,840 alumni, and is one of the largest employers in Aston Township, PA.

Since 1965, the College has met the needs of its students, even beyond its initial traditional undergraduate programs. In September 1971, a program for adult women was initiated. This program is now known as the CAPS degree accelerated program allowing adult students to earn their bachelor's degree faster by utilizing six-credit courses in an online or evening format meeting one night per week. Also in 1971, the administration responded to the need that women needed safe, professional daycare for their children while they attended classes. A child care center opened on the third floor of the main building and quickly evolved into the current Child Development Center (1973) accommodating pre-school aged children. In 1980, the Board of Trustees approved the name change from Our Lady of Angels to Neumann. The name Neumann College seemed fitting given the significant role that then Bishop John Neumann had in assisting the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia in the early days of the Congregation. Also, in 1980 Neumann formally accepted its first male undergraduate students. In 1985, the Thomas A. Bruder, Jr. Life Center, housing the Bruder Gymnasium and the Meagher Theatre, became the third building on the Neumann College campus.

Expanding undergraduate degree programs and initiating graduate programs became the goal to ensure academic growth. In 1982, the College was granted approval to award a Master of Science degree in Pastoral Counseling, followed in 1987 by permission to grant an Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Studies. Master of Science degree programs have since been developed in the areas of Accounting, Education, Nursing, Physical Therapy, Sport Business, and Strategic Leadership. In 2004, the College was granted approval to offer its first doctoral program, the entry-level clinical Doctorate in Physical Therapy (DPT). In 2006, approval was granted for the College to offer its second doctoral program, the EdD in Educational Leadership. In late April 2009, the College received approval (the certificate of authority) from the Pennsylvania Department of Education to become Neumann University. According to former President Rosalie Mirenda, “University status is the culmination of Neumann's transformation. It is a catalyst for enhancing scholarship, research and service to our community. At the same time, Neumann’s commitment to its mission, core values and personal attention to our students remains the same.” In 2013 Neumann was granted approval to offer a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) program in Pastoral Counseling.

For Neumann to provide a holistic experience for its undergraduate students and to assist with the growth goals, a residential program was approved by the Board of Trustees. When the first residence hall opened in 1997, the building housed 177 students and transformed campus life. There are now three Living and Learning Centers on campus, and an adjacent apartment complex (Buoni Building) leased for student housing, all together having capacity to house more than 800 students.

In 2004, Neumann University acquired a 46,434-square-foot office building located at the Concord Road entrance of the campus from the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia. The newly named Rocco A. Abessinio Building now houses additional classroom and office space. Neumann University opened the Mirenda Center for Sport, Spirituality and Character Development on October 17, 2009. The Mirenda Center features more than 72,000 square feet of space including an arena, classroom, meeting and event rooms, exhibits, offices, and athletic facilities. This new, state-of-the-art facility was named in honor of Dr. Rosalie M. Mirenda and her husband, Tony, by the Board of Trustees in acknowledgement of the Mirendas’ many years of hard work, dedication, and commitment to the Catholic Franciscan identity and mission of NU.
Seeking to unify an ever-expanding campus, the St. John Neumann Circle was created to connect the original Bachmann Building and the Bruder Life Center on one side of Convent Road with the Mirenda Center and Student Living and Learning units on the other side of the road. On April 1, 2010 two commissioned statues were placed in the Circle. The most prominent, on a high base and at the Circle’s center, is of St. John Neumann, the namesake of the University. The second, at ground level and facing the students who walk from the Living and Learning Centers and the Mirenda Center, is a representation of a Sister of St. Francis of Philadelphia, the sponsoring Congregation.

In 2014, the focus on academic excellence and student learning continued. A two-phased library renovation was completed. The first phase of the project was completed in 2012 with the addition of new learning and study commons areas on the third floor, the creation of a media-enhanced classroom designed to seat 90, and offices to house the Neumann Institute for Franciscan Studies, endowed in 2000 by the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia. The final phase of the project was completed in time for the start of the fall 2014 semester, as the University’s fiftieth anniversary celebration began.

In 2016, a new $5 million, 10,000-square-foot addition to the Bruder Life Center was completed. The addition, named the John J. Mullen Communication Center, was built to support students in the Communication and Digital Media (CDM) major and students who join Neumann Media to explore their creative talents. The Mullen Communication Center houses two TV studios with the latest camera, broadcasting, recording and editing technology; Wenger rooms with sound isolation for recording and editing; a student meeting room; a green room; and a multipurpose hall with theatre-in-the-round capability, smart board TVs, giant projection screens, and more.

In spring 2017, Forward with Faith, a special campaign, was begun to honor the legacy of former President Dr. Rosalie Mirenda, and her husband, Tony, for their years of leadership, vision, and commitment to students and the University’s Catholic Franciscan mission. The campaign has three components. A 25,000-square-foot Student Life and Health Sciences Center, an addition to the Rocco Abessino Building, will be built to facilitate the education of nurses, physical therapists, athletic trainers, and exercise and nutrition specialists. The Campaign will also enhance the endowment for the Institute for Franciscan Studies, ensuring Neumann University’s Catholic Franciscan character and identity through integration of mission into the University’s academic instruction. The third Campaign component will enrich the endowment for the Institute for Sport, Spirituality and Character Development (ISSCD), founded in 1999, to ensure its unique and distinctive ministry that supports the practical application of the role of sport in the spiritual, faith, character and leadership development of student-athletes.
Mission

Neumann University educates a diverse community of learners based upon the belief that knowledge is a gift to be shared in the service of others and that learning is a lifelong process.

Vision

Neumann University strives to be a teaching university of distinction, providing innovative, transformational education in the Catholic Franciscan tradition.

Core Values

Neumann RISES on the core values of Reverence, Integrity, Service, Excellence, and Stewardship and lives the actions which these values inspire.

Veritas — Caritas

TO LIVE THE TRUTH IN LOVE

The motto, Veritas–Caritas, receives its origin from Paul’s admonition to the Ephesians: “Rather, let us profess the truth in love and grow to the full maturity of Christ the Head” (Ephesians 4:15). It expresses a dedication to principles formative of mind and heart.

The concept is likewise found in the seal, which is highlighted by the GOSPEL BOOK surmounted by the CHI-RHO, representative of Christ, the Source of All truth and Truth itself.

The TAU (Greek letter T), supporting the Gospel Book, was often used by St. Francis of Assisi. For him, it was a symbol of the cross and salvation; for us, it becomes a challenge to live a life rooted in Christ.

The CROWN, encircling the Tau, symbolizes Mary, Queen and Mother, placed before us as a model of the virtues embodied in the mission of Neumann University.

The GLOBE is significant of the scope of influence possible to those involved in the educational process at Neumann University, founded in 1965.

The whole is enclosed in the traditional Franciscan symbol, the KNOTTED CORD, expressive of the vowed dedication of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia, the founders of Neumann University.
PRESIDENTIAL REGALIA

The academic gown of the President of Neumann University carries the official colors of the University — blue and gold. The hood reflects the colors of the President's doctoral degree and the cap is a black velvet tam. A gold tassel symbolizes the doctoral degree held by the President. This regalia is worn by the President at all official academic functions.

THE PRESIDENTIAL CEREMONIAL CHAIN

The Ceremonial Chain worn by the President is anchored by a bas relief of the Neumann University seal. The front chain links feature the names and office terms of all University presidents and small medallions of seals for Our Lady of Angels College, Neumann College and Neumann University. The back of the chain displays the Tau Cross and small Neumann University seal medallions.

PAST UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS

Dr. Rosalie M. Mirenda ................................................................. 1996–2017
Dr. Nan B. Hechenberger † ..................................................... 1989–1996
Sister Mary Margarella O’Neill, OSF † ...................................... 1984–1989
Sister Madonna Marie Cunningham, OSF † .............................. 1970–1984
Mother Mary Everilda Flynn, OSF † ......................................... 1965–1970

† deceased

THE UNIVERSITY MACE

The academic mace or scepter may have evolved from the mace of royalty or the crozier of the Bishop, so closely intertwined were both in the monastic foundations of early universities. Originally a wooden staff carried to lead the faculties in official ceremonies, the mace was displayed as a reminder for order during classes. By the 14th century, it had become an elaborate and ornately designed silver mace, symbolizing academic dignity.

The Neumann University mace was the gift from John C. Ford, a current member and former Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, and his wife, Sandra Sollod Poster, in honor of the presidents of Neumann University at the installation of Dr. Rosalie M. Mirenda as fifth president in 1996. Drs. Forrest and Victoria Fisher donated the case which houses the mace. Crafted of 14-carat gold with an oak handle, the mace is adorned with all of the symbols associated with Neumann University. Atop the mace is the University seal. Clustered on the orb between two crucifixes are the name of Neumann University and the date of the founding, 1965.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

Academic regalia had its origin at the ancient monasteries, which were the first universities. Originally, gowns were the attire required by the Church. Later, academic gowns evolved to signify degree and rank — such as doctor, master, bachelor, and associate — and to distinguish students from townspeople. American colleges and universities adopted their own gowns, but it was not until 1895 that agreement was reached to devise a uniform code of academic dress.

The associate and the bachelor gowns have pointed sleeves and are designed to be worn closed. The master gown may be worn open or closed. It has an oblong sleeve that is open at the wrist and hangs down. The back portion of its oblong shape is square cut, and the front portion has an arc cut-away. The doctor gown has bell-shaped sleeves and may be worn either open or closed. It has velvet facing and velvet chevrons.

The hoods are usually black and made of the same material as the gown. The associate and bachelor hood is three-feet long with two-inch-wide colored borders; the master hood is three-and-a-half feet long with a three-inch-wide colored border; and the doctor hood is four-feet long with five-inch-wide colored borders. The colors lining the hood indicate the college or university conferring the degree, and the color of the facing denotes the field of study. Neumann graduates receive hoods lined in blue and gold, Neumann's colors. Faculty wear a variety of colors representative of their degree-granting institutions and specific disciplines.
Prayer of St. Francis / Oración de San Francisco

Verses 1, 2, 4

1. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hasted, makes me a channel of your peace. Where there is despair in peace.
2. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is tested, makes me a channel of your peace. Where there is despair in peace.
4. Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardon.

1. Haz-me un ins-tru-men-to de tu paz, don-de ha-yas a-dio
2. Haz-me un ins-tru-men-to de tu paz, que lle-ve tu es-pe-
4. Haz-me un ins-tru-men-to de tu paz, es per-do-nan-do

1. let me bring your love. Where there is in-ju-
2. life, let me bring hope. Where there is dark-ness.
4. ing that we are par-doned, In giv-ing of our-

1. lle-ve yo tu g-mor, don-de ha-yas in-ju-ría
2. ran-zo por dós qui-er, don-de ha-yas os-cu-ri-
4. que nos das per-dón, es dán-dos to-dos

1. ry, your par-don, Lord, And where there’s doubt, true
2. on-ly light, And where there’s sad-ness
4. selves that we re-cieve, And in dy-ing that we’re

1. tu per-dón, Se-nor, don-de ha-yas du-da,
2. dad lle-ve tu luz, don-de ha-yas pe-na,
4. que tú nos das, y mu-rién do es que vol-

1. faith in you.
2. ev-er
4. born to e-ter-nal life.

1. fe en ti.
2. tu go-zo, Se-nor.
4. ve-mos a na-cer.

Text: Based on the prayer traditionally ascr. to St. Francis of Assisi, 1182–1226. Text and music © 1967, 2003, OCP Publications. All rights reserved. Dedicated to Nrs. Frances Tracy.

Blessing of St. Francis of Assisi

St. Bonaventure Hughes, OSF

May the Lord bless and protect you. May the Lord cast his mer-ciful eyes up on you. May the Lord look into your heart and grant you peace. May the Lord bless you. Amen. Amen.
NEUMANN UNIVERSITY
ALMA MATER

Hail to you, our Neumann true,
hail the blue and gold forever!
Strong and bright, you shine your light
on the Knights of Neumann U.
To learn, to live, to serve, to give:
we will strive to rise above:
Pledging all our days to sing God’s praise
as we live the truth in love.

Hail to you, our Neumann true,
home of beauty, peace and justice.
Here and now, upon the Tau
we affirm our faith in you.
’Neath golden sun, we stand as one,
here upon this holy hill,
And embrace the call to care for all,
ever faithful to God’s will.

Music and lyrics by Richard Sayers, PhD,
Associate Professor of Music, Neumann University
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Thank You

The Inaugural Task Force extends appreciation and thanks to the campus community and to all who contributed time and talents to Inaugural events.

Thank you as well to all in attendance for participating in today’s Inauguration.

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